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**DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL
WEEKLY PROJECT UPDATE
ZENECA/FORMER STAUFFER CHEMICAL SITE
Richmond, California
Activities for June 20 - July 1, 2005**

Site Activities

- DTSC followed up on a citizen complaint regarding dead and/or dying trees located along Meade Street. A DTSC botanist visited the site and concurred that the problem is likely due to excessive moisture caused by poor drainage, wind burn, and/or nutrient deficiency.
- DTSC is continuing its discussions with the Site Responsible Parties and East Bay Regional Parks District to fence and post the marsh area.
- No on-site activities occurred during this time period.
- The Site Responsible Parties submitted the Current Conditions Report for Lot 2 for DTSC review and comment.

Future Activities

- DTSC and representatives of the Site Responsible Parties will meet on July 14, 2005 to discuss Lot 3.
- DTSC will be preparing comments to the Current Conditions Report for Lot 1.
- Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL) will be using the Site greenhouses to conduct a three year microcosm study designed to simulate the effects of global warming on plant growth and soil microbes. LBNL will be using imported soil from the Hopland Natural Reserve. The Reserve is located approximately 4 miles inland from Hwy 101, outside the Town of Hopland, which is north of Healdsburg and Cloverdale in Northern California. The Hopland Reserve was a former ranch that was acquired by the University of California in the 1950's. Prior to initiating the study, LBNL will need to screen approximately 36 yards of Hopland Reserve soil in the parking lot at the corner of South 47th and E. Montgomery Streets. LBNL plans to start screening either late during the week of July 4th, or early during the week of July 11th. LBNL expects to be able to complete the soil screening within 2 days but it could take as long as 5 days. Immediately after screening, the soil will be moved inside the Campus Bay greenhouse facility for further processing. LBNL will control soil moisture during screening to minimize

dust and they will keep the soil covered when it is not being actively worked. LBNL is concerned about the possibility of non-native grass seed contamination of their soil; therefore, they plan to keep it covered.

Public Participation

- On June 30, 2005, the first meeting of the newly selected Zeneca Community Advisory Group (CAG) was held at the Richmond Convention Center, Bermuda Room, 403 Civic Center Plaza, in Richmond, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Minutes of the CAG meeting will be provided in a separate update. The next CAG meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2005. The time and location of the meeting will be announced.